



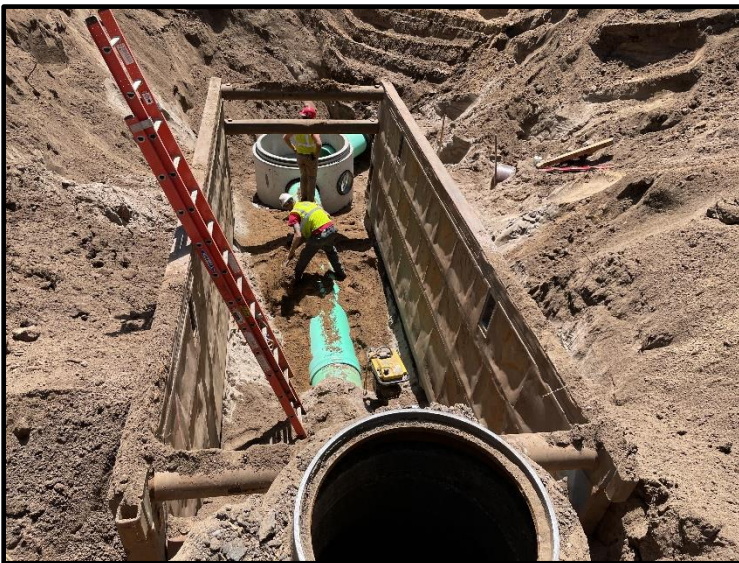
## 2021 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements Construction Update #6 – 6/18/2021

### What has happened during the past week?

- Sanitary sewer and water main replacement between Lyn Way and Pine St has been completed
- Sanitary sewer and water service connections to individual properties are finished
- Pressure testing and testing for cleanliness of the new water main between Pine St and Lyn Way has been performed
- Sanitary sewer lining between Pleasant Dr and Lyn Way has been completed
- Storm sewer installation between Pine St and Lyn Way has begun

### What is scheduled for the week of June 21<sup>st</sup>?

- **City Water Service Reinstatement:** Once the water main testing has passed testing for cleanliness, the contractor's personnel will begin the process of switching residents between Pine St and Lyn Way off of the temporary water system back to regular city water service
- **Storm Sewer Installation:** Storm sewer installation between Pine St and Lyn Way will be completed
- **Street Grading and Base:** The beginning of street construction will begin early in the week with grading of the street and placement of the base layers of gravel



*Large-diameter sanitary sewer main and manhole replacement in progress in the intersection of Lyn Way/Zweber Ln and 15<sup>th</sup> St W*



*A new, larger storm sewer main connection to an existing storm manhole at Prairie St and 15<sup>th</sup> St W*

**Who do I contact with questions or for assistance?** Project management services are being provided by the City's Engineering Department. The department can be reached at **(651) 480-2334** with project questions and concerns.

**Spread the Word & Encourage E-Updates!** Please make sure to share this information with your neighbors and tenants, and encourage them to sign up for at least one of the two electronic updates options if they have not yet done so!

- **E-Notifications** - Sign up for email updates on our website at [www.hastingsmn.gov](http://www.hastingsmn.gov). Click on the E-notifications button at the bottom of the page, and sign up for "2021 Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements".
- **Text Messages** – this is a great way to have the information in the palm of your hand! You'll receive a weekly text message from us with a direct web link to the current construction update. Text **15STREET** to **888777** to enroll. Reply **STOP** at any point to opt out.



## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### *Why does it look like the contractor is digging up the same parts of the street repeatedly?*

While it may appear so, the contractor is not lost or re-doing work. It may sound more straightforward to install all of the utilities (water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer) at the same time. However, open trench construction methods generally make it very difficult. To install all three simultaneously would require the contractor to excavate an extremely wide trench with “shelves” in the trench at the appropriate depth for each utility. The pipe would then be placed on these shelves. Generally speaking, there is not enough room in the somewhat close quarters of an established residential neighborhood to temporarily stockpile the huge quantities of soil that would have to be excavated for this to take place, and the cost of hauling such a massive volume of soil away and back would be prohibitive. Such an “all at once” method would also make the street impassable for weeks at a time.

**What you are seeing in most cases on 15<sup>th</sup> Street is as follows:** The sanitary sewer is installed first because it is the deepest. Water main is installed next, then sanitary sewer and water services to each individual property. Finally, the storm sewer is installed, which is usually the shallowest of the utilities. Each of these utilities are installed at different depths which requires different trenches to be dug for each type of pipe and for every service connection. This method also allows the contractor to fill in trenches at the end of most work days to keep the street passable for residents.

### *Can I widen my driveway opening during the reconstruction project?*

You are allowed to widen your driveway opening up to a width of 30 feet within the City Right of Way, subject to the following:

- a. The portion of the driveway within the City Right of Way must be at least 3 feet from the extension of the property line where it meets the apron. This allows space for the 3-foot-wide apron wing.
- b. The only portion of the driveway that is widened by the City contractor will be the concrete apron that extends 5 feet behind the new curb or to the new sidewalk; property owners are responsible for constructing the remaining portion of the widened area of the driveway behind the apron or sidewalk.

Please contact the Engineering Department if you would like to request that your driveway opening be widened during the reconstruction project. Your request will be placed on a list and City staff will coordinate with the contractor to make sure that the request is carried out.

## **\*REMINDER\***

**For the safety of construction personnel, residents, and the public, vehicle access along 15<sup>th</sup> Street West in the construction zone between Lyn Way and Pine Street will be limited, subject to contractors’ work activities, and parking on project streets is prohibited during working hours (generally 7am to 7pm, Monday through Saturday.) We ask that residents please move necessary vehicles out of the construction area before 7am on work days. Please be cautious when walking or driving near construction equipment or active excavation during working hours. Every evening after work is completed, crews will be backfilling excavated areas and smoothing out the street area to restore access. Parking is available along streets near the project area (Pine St, Prairie St, Zweber Ln, Lyn Way, 14<sup>th</sup> St W.)**

